

Saturday
January 9th
- At Sea -

Dearest Mother,

Well - Tomorrow, after a long, monotonous week at sea, we arrive in Pearl Harbor - Honolulu Hawaii. Now I wish you could see its serene beauty, its glowing colors, and its calm, sparkling waters. You would be truly amazed at the profusion and variety of flowers.

The ship pulled away exactly at noon Monday - 2 PM your time and we had a smooth sea for the first day. After that it got a little rough,

numerous people got sea sick
but I, fortunately, was not
among those suffering from
"Mal du Mer". - The waters
got quiet once more yester-
day afternoon and when I go
out on deck now I can tell
that there has been an atmo-
spheric change as well. - The
wind is - how does Thackeray
put it - "like a caress"
- the water is blue - the sky
is dotted with cumulus clouds
that are soft and billowy
looking-like Cotton Candy.

We will be off the point of
Diamond Head about 9 am.
and will dock at Pier 11 about
noon. - I think Lamorne

will be down to meet the ship. She wrote that she would like to if she did not have the duty. They wouldn't let her see Mildred so she's quite concerned about her.

- Mildred was flown back and these planes always stop at ~~Trident~~ Pearl and send all the patients to Trident for a night's rest. - For the life of me, Mother, I can't understand what comes over Millie - No, I won't say that. I think I can, but I'm forever amazed that a girl of her ability and intelligence has been unable to adjust any better. I do hope that she will be O.K. - She expects to be at

Oak Knoll Naval Hosp. (Oakland)
for awhile yet — from there
it's questionable whether she will
be released from active duty
or not. She is, of course,
humiliated ~~at~~ by the idea of
her attempt and is reluctant
to leave the ward because
she knows so many people
there. However, Duke is there
and will just go get her
now and then. He wasn't
too pleased with the idea
but said "For you, I'll
do it." Isn't that nice.
— Forget the parcasim, Mother,
it is nice of him.

What was wrong with
Pete at Christmas time? I hope

he wasn't sick long. Pamela
told me that her Mother was
going to have a baby "but we
haven't told little Pete yet
Aunt Susie - maybe later we'll
let him know. - And Aunt
Susie - we're so happy." - I
thought I would die laugh-
ing at her. - She also mentioned
that "Uncle Johnnie was having
his in April, ours won't be
here until July." - Bette is
doing a good job with her.
- Pete will be beside himself
with 2 babies in the family
especially since one of them
will be a cousin.

We don't know yet how
long we will be in Karl - 3-5
days - and we have no orders

yet for Incheon other than that
we do get there - the mayor
may not stop in Japan
someplace.

Mom - I'm so happy that
you are planning on "stepping
out." - I'm sure you will
enjoy it and I know he
will enjoy you. So dress up,
laugh, and have fun. You
always look so pretty when you
do.

People, etc. here on the
ship are about the same. We
have had a fairly good time,
but we are not as enthus-
iastic about this trip as the
last one -- understandable
eh wot?

I know I've already asked
you to pay one note to the
bank - and if you will give
Johnnie \$15.00 out of one of these
bonds, I'll send it to you after
we get to Incheon. Her uniform,
Mildred's escapade, and Lucinda
also with leaving left me agog.

I do hope the month of Dec-
ember 1954 is a decided
improvement over the one in '53.
I want a nice, quiet time with-
out any suicides or near-
suicides.

I've sent both of these
suitcases of mine home. I'm
going to buy a B. & B. bag (Cam-
eros) - and a smaller one to bring
back with me. - Open up
the suitcases if you don't mind.
I think these things will need

airing. Oh yes - my cruise
book is in there. - I think
you will enjoy it. - Don't
give anything away though, please.

I finally got the package
Saturday - (a week ago) - and had
a wonderful time with it.

You got everything I needed and
wanted. The gloves and collar
are darling. - The boys were
all there in the record office
when Mac brought the package
in so we had a gay time.

They all enjoyed the candy
and you know I wanted!

Well dear, I want to mail
this so it will go out on the
helicopter, that's supposed to
fly out to impress the V.I.P.'s
by landing on our flight deck
and impress up his bringing
the mail! - I'll write at least a
card daily while in port. - Love
your daughter